

5620. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report on the intent to initiate negotiations for a free trade agreement between the United States and Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia, the four Andean Trade Preference Act beneficiary countries, pursuant to Section 2104 (a)1 of the Trade Act of 2002; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5621. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation, "To amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act, the Federal Meat Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act to require establishments and official plants to pay the costs of Federal Inspection for additional shifts, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Government Reform.

5622. A letter from the Chair, Office of Compliance, transmitting a Notice for publication in the Congressional Record canceling the hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Procedural Rules of the Office of Compliance originally published in the Congressional Record on October 15, 2003; jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

5623. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft bill, "To amend Title 38, United States Code, to improve veterans' benefits programs, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Education and the Workforce.

5624. A letter from the Chairman and Vice Chairman, U.S.-China Commission, transmitting the record of the Commission's hearing on September 25, 2003, on "China's Industrial, Investment and Exchange Rate Policies: Impact on the U.S."; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and International Relations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1629. A bill to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-392). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2896. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad; with an amendment (Rept. 108-393). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 463. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-394). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia: Committee on Government Reform. Efforts to Rightsize the U.S. Presence Abroad Lack Urgency and Momentum (Rept. 108-395). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2622. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-396). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2696. A bill to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West; with an amendment (Rept. 108-397 Pt. 1).

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 464. Resolution providing for consideration of a joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress. (Rept. 108-398). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 465. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. (Rept. 108-399). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 958. A bill to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-400). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2696 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2696. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than November 21, 2003.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 3568. A bill to provide extended unemployment benefits to displaced workers, and to make other improvements in the unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself and Mr. BERMAN):

H.R. 3569. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Film Preservation Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KILDEE:

H.R. 3570. A bill to prohibit the closure or realignment of inpatient services at the

Aleda E. Lutz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan, as proposed under the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 3571. A bill to modify the boundary of the San Juan Island National Historical Park; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MCDERMOTT (for himself, Mr.

ROYCE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 3572. A bill to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to expand certain trade benefits to eligible sub-Saharan African countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on International Relations, Financial Services, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. ROYCE):

H.R. 3573. A bill to promote human rights, democracy, and development in North Korea, to promote overall security on the Korean Peninsula and establish a more peaceful world environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. DREIER, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. CANTOR):

H.R. 3574. A bill to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. BALLANCE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. WATSON):

H.R. 3575. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an alternate release date for certain nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NUSSLE:

H.R. 3576. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide a new subheading for certain log forwarders used as motor vehicles for the transport of goods for duty-free treatment consistent with other agricultural use log handling equipment; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. EHLERS:

H.R. 3577. A bill to authorize appropriations to the Department of Transportation for surface transportation research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. HONDA (for himself, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. CASE, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE):

H.R. 3578. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure the continuation of fixed guideway system projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.